

While the former law was haphazard and inconsistent in its terminology, an overview of the former law clearly shows that the basic regulated activities of a hearing aid dealer are fitting and selling hearing aids. Specific support for this new term was found in former Art. 56, § 508(4), which defined "practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids". Additionally, the provision of former Art. 56, § 509 that prohibited the sale of a hearing aid by an unlicensed person provided express support for the new reference to selling hearing aids. The term "fit hearing aids", which is used in the definition of "provide hearing aid services", is defined in § 8-101(c) of this title.

Former Art. 56, § 514(c) required licensure, without examination, for those persons who, as of July 1, 1969, had "been in the practice of selling hearing aids for at least 18 months". Individuals who were licensed under this grandfather clause in 1969 have been subject to the same duties and limitations and have had the same right to license renewal as any other licensee under this title. The Business Occupations Article Review Committee decided that, given its limited and temporary application, former Art. 56, § 514(c) should not be revised in this article. However, based on the concern that there might be a challenge to the legitimacy of the renewal of a license that initially was obtained under this "grandfather" provision, the Committee also felt that it would be ill-advised to repeal the former subsection. The Committee, therefore, decided to transfer the former Art. 56, § 514(c) to the Session Laws.

Former Art. 56, § 524(1), which provided the Board with the power and duty to authorize disbursements, is deleted as unnecessary and misleading. The disbursement of money for all of the boards under the Department is made under the budget and through the Department. The procedure for these disbursements is uniform for all of the boards.

## TITLE 9. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

### SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

#### 9-101. DEFINITIONS.

##### (A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 271(a).

The former disclaimer "unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears" is deleted as surplusage, since it merely